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Barbara La Marr and Conway Tearle

"THE WHITE MOTH"

Mermaid Comedy—"FLYING FINANCE" NEWSVENTS

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A story of Yankee pep and Spanish fire.
Will Rogers in "HUSTLING HANK"

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SATURDAY, JULY 12

Mary Miles Minter and George Fawcett

"DRUMS OF FATE"

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BILLY WHISKERS

By FRANCES MONTGOMERY

Billy and his master were running down the secret stairway, trying to escape from the Germans. Here he closed the door and ran down the stairs, this time regardless of noise. He soon reached the front door through which Billy had crawled to reach the passageway, but instead of crawling out, as Billy supposed he would, he kept right on down another flight of steps, which Billy had not noticed before. But Billy, hearing the dog barking furiously, leaped out and found that the signal was to let him know that there were soldiers running here, there, everywhere through the grounds, searching for the escaped prisoner.

"They may see this hole and look in. You begin to dig as you did before, as if after a rat, and I will stand up against the hole and hide the opening with my back," proposed Billy.

Meet Soldiers
Around the corner of the castle came two soldiers running, their bayonets held ready to charge the first person they saw.

"Here, stop and see what that dog is digging for," said one soldier.

"Fool! to stop and watch a dog dig for rats or to bury a bone, while your prisoner is probably running as fast as he can to get away from here as far as possible before his escape is noticed!" said the other in disgust, and they both hurried on.

"I think I will go inside and see where my master went when he kept on down those stairs," said Billy, after the soldiers had passed.

"I'll tell you where he has gone. To the river, where there is always a skiff waiting, tied at the outlet of the tunnel for any one to use to help them across the river should they be escaping from the castle by the chimney and tunnel way. He will be perfectly safe now, and can make his way back to camp. So you had better stay here and be sure that your General and his officers capture the Germans. Should they know of any of these passages, and try to escape by way of them, you could butt them down and ever kill them if you felt so inclined, by running your sharp horns into them, just as if they were two bayonets. What is making all that dust down the river road?" he asked. "One would think a whole regiment was coming."

Look Who's Here!
"It is my General and his staff. At last they are here! I was growing fearful lest they would not arrive until after the Germans had gone. I am going up the stairs again to listen to what the Germans say when they discover that all their papers and maps are gone."

The minute Billy stuck his head in the chimney he could hear loud voices.

"We shall have to get out of here immediately or we will be surrounded and caught like rats in a trap!" Billy heard one say, and then he stalked to the door, opened it, and ran plump into the arms of the American General!

"Hands up!" came the command, and in a jiffy every one of the German staff was bound and marched in single file to the waiting automobiles, where they were loaded in and the Americans sped off with their prisoners. All went but the General himself, three of his staff, and six privates. They tarried to release Captain Strongheart, whom they expected to find locked in the tower room where he said he was confined in his note to the General.

But when they looked in that room he was gone.

Search Room
"We are not late, but could those scoundrels have killed him before sunrise, the time they had set?" asked the General in alarm. "Look carefully and see if by any chance he could have left a note or written a message on the wall."

They searched every nook, corner and crack in the room, giving special attention to the fireplace, and were about to give up the search when the General gave the side of the chimney a bang with the hilt of his sword as he was rounding the walls for possible false partitions. And lo! a tiny door flew open and he discovered the secret stairs by which Captain Strongheart had escaped.

Studying the steps carefully, they saw the footprints of a man and a goat. But when they had been made, and by whom they were made, they did not know. They looked fresh, however, and there being goat tracks, they took it for granted they were those of Billy Whiskers and his master.

The General was too fat to squeeze through the narrow door, so he sent one of his staff to descend the secret stairs and see where they led.

"If you find anyone or need help, blow this whistle," and the General handed him an extra shrill-sounding one. "Those stairs probably lead to some dungeon under the castle, or to an outlet in the grounds several hundred yards from here. I only hope you won't find our Captain in chains confined in a dungeon. If you are not back in twenty minutes I shall send another man after you."

Down the secret stairs the officer went, while the remaining men listened to his receding footsteps until they could hear no more.

"I should like to have time to explore this old castle," said the General, "for it probably abounds in secret stairs, passages and so forth. If Lieutenant Huntington does not find Captain Strongheart, I shall have to have you gentlemen continue the search while I return to camp, as the army is going to make a tremendous drive against the castle this afternoon and it will take me some time to get back to my command. See, the sun is just coming up. Hark! I hear footsteps."

They all listened intently and, sure enough, from the bowels of the earth the footsteps seemed to come nearer and nearer.

"I am sure that is the Lieutenant coming back," one of them said. And it really was.

The minute his form appeared on the stairs the General asked:

"Did you find any trace of him? What did you discover?"

Finds Book
"I found this small notebook, written in cipher, with a lady's picture pasted on the fly leaf. I recognize the face as that of the nurse Captain Strongheart is engaged to marry, so this must be his notebook."

"I think you are correct. But where did you find the book?"

"On the floor of an underground tunnel running from this tower to the river bank. So I judge he must have escaped that way."

"To make sure he is not shut up anywhere in the castle, I will leave two of you officers with six soldiers to search thoroughly every nook and cranny of the castle before you leave it. Now I must go immediately, with the hope that he has really escaped and is now on the other side of the river. Adieu, and a safe return to you all!"

When the General reached camp he hastened at once to Headquarters, and when he pushed open the door of his office, who should he be sitting there facing the door but Captain Strongheart, perfectly well but pale and thin from his recent starvation diet! He had had time to reach camp, change his clothes and get something to eat before the General got there, as he had come in a straight line across fields and streams, just as Billy had done when he had delivered the note, while the General again was forced to go miles out of his way.

There is no use of my trying to tell you how glad the General was to find the Captain well and safe, or how valuable the papers and maps which he had brought proved to be, as all of you well know just how the General felt and also how glad Captain Strongheart was that he had been successful in returning safely to camp.

Billy Leaves, Too
After Billy saw the General depart, he, too, started for camp, first stopping long enough to say good-by to all the sheep and the goats, telling them how glad he was to have met them and thanking them for the pleasant time they had given him.

When he went to say good-by to the dog, the dog said he would go part way with him; that he enjoyed Billy's society so much that he hated to lose sight of him for fear he would never see him again.

[But Billy and the dog have a new adventure.]

NEW BUICKS FOR 1925 ARE NOW ON MART

Eight Body Models Comprise Popular Line of Automobiles

Eight new body models on a chassis of 114 1/2-inch wheel base, embodying a new six-cylinder valve-in-head engine with a 3-inch bore and 1 1/2-inch stroke, is the sensational announcement made by the Buick Motor Company.

The new six-cylinder model is to be known as the Standard Six. The body models will consist of a five-passenger double-service sedan, a two-passenger roadster, a two-passenger enclosed roadster with heater, a five-passenger touring, a five-passenger enclosed touring with heater, a two-passenger double-service coupe, a five-passenger sedan, and a four-passenger coupe. Probably the most striking features of the new models are the completely enclosed sedan and the low-pressure tires on all models. The cars with the enclosed tops will carry heaters. The tops and sides are so designed that they harmonize well with the distinctive body lines.

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ENDLESS

It is not an unreasonable supposition that many, if not most, quarrels are like that described by a New York lawyer.

"So you and your husband are forever quarreling?" he asked a fair client seeking advice.

"Yes," she said.

"What do you quarrel about?"

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